

Southwest KS Regional Emergency Planning Council
June 10, 2014

The SWKREPC met on June 10, 2014 in Garden City. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: James Jarboe, Don Robertson, Dave Redger, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorenson, Rodney Kelling, Cathy Hernandez, Bill Fortune, Karen Luckett, Randy Blehm, Traci Rankin, Deb Brown, Gilbert Valerio and Rex Beemer. Guests present were: Jeff Mooradian and Craig Divoll.

Greg S. made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting. Rodney K. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Craig Divoll with the KS Office of Emergency Communications gave a Power point presentation on PSBN and FirstNet. He then answered questions from Council members.

Traci R. and Jeff M. gave a demonstration of the robot that the Council had purchased. They showed the capabilities of the robot and also answered questions from the group.

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairperson Don B. reported on his trip to Topeka for the CEPR meeting.

In the absence of our Fiscal agent, Chairperson Don B. reported that we have finished the FY11 & FY12 project spending. Don B. also reminded Council members that it was time to start working on the FY13 projects if they have not already done so.

Greg S. asked the group if they preferred to buy several small light towers or a couple big ones. After some discussion, Vaughn L. made a motion that we purchase smaller light towers. Rex B. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Greg S. mentioned that Beaver County in Oklahoma is interested in forming something similar to our IMTs. Greg will pass contact information for Cathy H. and Vaughn L. on to his contact in Oklahoma.

Greg S. then asked if we had a good list of resources that would be available in the SW Region if someone needed to request a particular item. Chairperson Don B. is supposed to be receiving a good list from the SAA for our region. A discussion followed. It was suggested that each county make a list of what they have—and the capabilities of the resources. The list would make it easier to locate a specific item if a county was looking for something in particular that they needed.

Don R. stated that he had recently attended his LEPC meeting at the end of May. There were approximately 30 persons in attendance. A presentation regarding the IMTs in SW

KS was given at the meeting. It was well received. Don suggested that each county do this at their respective LEPC meetings if they have not already done so.

Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on July 9, 2014 in Garden City

Since there was no more business, Rex B. made a motion to adjourn. James J. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard
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